

REPUBLICANS ARE FLOCKING IN GREAT FORCE

At Parkersburg for the Convention of the League of Clubs—Record-Breaking Meeting Assured.

PRESIDENCY OF THE LEAGUE

Will be Hotly Contested—Four Candidates Striving for the Honor. Mayor Parkinson's Surprise.

THE GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST

Is Waxing Very Warm—Efforts Are Being Made to Believe the Fight of Any Bitterness.

From a Staff Correspondent.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 7.—To-night, on the eve of the meeting of the West Virginia League of Republican Clubs, the town is crowded with party workers from all parts of the state, and interest in the outcome of the contest for the presidency of the league is secondary only to discussion of the political situation in the state, especially the gubernatorial contest. In fact, league politics is more or less obscured by the more important fight being waged by Messrs. White and Freer.

Among the party leaders to-night a general desire is being evinced to prevent the contest for the gubernatorial nomination from becoming too warm. It is realized that the state is Republican only on a narrow margin, and that nothing must be done within the party organization that will threaten Republican success next November.

For this very reason, the announcement made in Wednesday's Intelligencer, that the Freer and White people in Ohio county had agreed upon an equal division of the delegates to the state nominating convention, was received here this afternoon with almost general satisfaction. A number of Freer men expressed their satisfaction with the agreement, and it appeared that it would receive formal ratification at the hands of Messrs. White and Freer, with everybody satisfied.

Some Disagreement.

Late this afternoon, however, General Curtin, one of Congressman Freer's principal supporters, expressed himself against the Ohio county agreement, and intimated it might not be ratified. Squire W. W. Rogers, of Wheeling, who was present, also declared himself against a division of the delegates. The matter has been submitted to Mr. White, and he is expected to announce his decision to-night. Mr. Vandervort is confident he will defeat Barrett, and Mr. Robinson is making a most vigorous fight. Very little is heard of the other officers. The vice presidencies will likely go to disappointed aspirants for the presidency.

League Presidency.

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Among late arrivals here to-night are the following: Alex. E. H. Campbell, of Wheeling; Postmaster George E. Work, of Sistersville; Harvey W. Harmer, of Clarksburg; State Senator O. S. Marshall, of New Cumberland; ex-Congressman Warren Miller, of Ripley; S. F. Meighen, J. D. Burley and J. A. Lloyd, of Moundsville; District Attorney Joseph H. Gales, of Fayette; Edgar Hewart, W. T. Glascock, and several others, from Morgantown; George Poffenberger, of Point Pleasant; Senator H. C. Woodard, of Boone county; M. H. Willes, of West Union; W. H. Morrison and C. O. Roemer, of Wheeling; Davis Elkins, of Elkins; State Senator Stark L. Hays, of Beverly; Senator Anthony Smith and County Clerk J. L. Highland, of Clarksburg. R. M. A.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

Promises to be the Most Largely Attended in the History of the Organization—A New Candidate for the Presidency Suddenly Springs Up. The Meeting Attracts All the Prominent Leaders of the State, From a Staff Correspondent.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 7.—Already, eighteen hours before the assembling of the meeting of the West Virginia League of Republican Clubs, Parkersburg is overflowing with visitors, and the town will have to strain several points to comfortably take care of the Republican hosts of the Little Mountain State. The two leading hotels, the Jackson and Blennerhassett, are "full-up" now, and the rush has only begun. For the nonce the star of the ever-present commercial man is dimmed, and he finds it difficult to push his way through the crowds of politicians that fill the hotel lobbies, and throng the street corners—and as for doing business, that is among the impossibilities; nothing is talked of but politics, business has been sidetracked until normal conditions are restored on Friday.

Of course the presidency of the league forms the principal topic of conversation. The other officers are little talked of, in fact are almost entirely lost sight of in the warm contest being waged for the presidency. As exclusively chronicled in Wednesday's Intelligencer, Mr. W. B. Matthews, of Marshall county, withdrew from the race. This left three aspirants in the field: Vandervort, Barrett and W. Vandervort, of Parkersburg, and Mr. Ira E. Robinson, of Grafton, prosecuting attorney of Ohio county.

New Richmond in the Field.

Just when the trio were congratulating themselves that the contest had wound down to proportions that would enable them to form an intelligent estimate on the outcome, the news was circulated that another candidate had entered the race for the presidency in the person of Mayor J. C. Parkinson, of Moundsville.

Mr. Parkinson was putting in some spare hours this afternoon, and he had his headquarters in Prison Warden Sam A. Hawk, Dr. S. M. Steele and A. L. Hooton, of Moundsville. He expects to bring to his standard the greater part of the vote of the First congressional district, and has expectations of support from other sections of the state. He was working on the advanced guard of the Ohio county delegation this evening, and met with encouragement. As one prominent member of the delegation expressed it, "I think we should support any candidate for the presidency who comes from our section, and Mr. Parkinson is undoubtedly a man well fitted for the office, both from the view-points of experience and natural ability. I believe he would make an ideal presiding officer, and I know he would devote his energies toward making the league a power in the coming campaign."

There are indications that Messrs. Robinson and Parkinson may throw their combined strength to one or the other, the selection to be made upon the showing of strength each is able to make.

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Narrow Escape From Wreck.

The Ohio county delegation's advance guard arrived at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and on route their train the "Ohio Valley Express," on the Ohio River railroad, had a narrow escape from being wrecked a short distance below St. Mary's. The ruins had caused a heavy slide of earth and rock at a spot where the track while the Ohio flows just to the right. Fortunately, a track walker discovered the slide just in time to flag the train, which was stopped only a few feet from the obstruction, which was a two-ton rock that would have sent engine and train plunging into the yellow-hued and fast rising Ohio. After a delay of half an hour the obstruction was removed and the train proceeded.

In the Ohio county delegation's advance guard that arrived on the noon train were Messrs. James K. Hall, H. A. Richards, Richard Robertson, Charles H. Hennig, John E. Schellhase, H. L. Wheat, Harry W. McLeure, M. A. Chew, C. H. Watkins, Jr. and S. O. Boyce. Joining the party at Moundsville were Prison Warden Sam A. Hawk and Dr. S. M. Steele.

Postmaster George Work greeted the boys at Sistersville, and said Tyler's big delegation would be here to-night. Some of the Ohio county crowd are at the Jackson and others at the Blennerhassett. Mr. Hall has opened headquarters at the former hotel and is putting in some hard licks for the auditorial meeting is the Mecca for all the aspirants for places on the state ticket. Among those already on hand and hard at work are Messrs. James K. Hall, Arnold C. Scherr and L. M. LaFollette, candidates for auditor and S. R. Haven, of Marshall, who aspires to the treasury portfolio. Others are expected to-night.

To-Day's League Meeting.

The first session of the league to-morrow will be called to order by Acting President W. B. Matthews, in the American theatre, at 10:30 a. m. An address of welcome will be delivered on behalf of the city of Parkersburg by Mayor Charles H. Turner, and he will be followed by another local speaker, who will second the sentiments to be expressed by Mayor Turner. Vice President Matthews will probably respond on behalf of the league. Next the league will choose delegates to the National League of Republican Clubs, and following will come appointment of the usual committees on credentials, resolutions, etc., and then the noon recess will be taken.

The afternoon session will convene at 2:30 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing term will be elected, as follows: President, vice president (one for each congressional district), secretary, treasurer and executive committee.

Then will come the address of the day, by United States Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, who will be introduced by West Virginia's junior senator, Hon. N. B. Scott.

The business of the meeting will be finished at the afternoon session. R. M. A.

MINGO REPUBLICANS

Select Delegates to the State Convention—They Go Uninstructed.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. WILLIAMSON, W. Va., March 7.—At a mass meeting of the Republicans of Mingo county, held in this place, there was an unexpectedly large turnout. Among the resolutions passed were those endorsing the President's policy in the Philippines and West Indies, the administration of Governor Atkinson for its clean and honest policy, and one recommending the nomination of Judge Doolittle for the supreme court.

The committee appointed to select delegates to the state convention at Charleston reported the following: Stafford district—Delegates, A. L. Hutchison and U. S. G. Rhodes; alternates, W. A. Johnson and Alex. Stafford.

Magnolia district—Delegates, J. B. Bartram, J. K. Anderson, I. L. Winestein and S. T. Lambert; alternates, J. L. Smith, Alvis Musick, S. L. Tucker and Jackson Mounie.

Lee district—Delegates, Everett Leftwich and John E. Williams; alternates, W. P. Farne and Bert Woolley.

Hardee district—Delegates, R. B. Clark and W. B. Estep; alternates, S. A. Farrell and James Chapman.

Harvey district—Delegates, Jas. Little and B. B. Goings; alternates, A. J. Spaulding and W. P. Floyd.

The report was adopted. Dr. J. B. Bartram offered a report to the effect that the chairman and secretary be added to the delegation. H. S. White offered, as an amendment to this motion, that all Republicans of Mingo county that attend the convention in Charleston be delegates. The amendment was voted down, and the original motion offered by Dr. Bartram was adopted.

S. T. Lambert made a motion that the delegates cast the vote of Mingo county as a unit. As an amendment H. S. White offered a motion that Romeo H. Freer and A. B. White should each receive his pro rata vote of the delegates. This amendment was carried by a vote of 45 to 16.

Some of those voting for the amendment announced that they did so under a misapprehension, upon which announcement the following motion was made by Everett Leftwich: "That the delegates go to the state convention wholly uninstructed." This motion prevailed by an overwhelming vote.

WEST VIRGINIA MINERS

Will Get Third Increase Within Six Months.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 7.—The operators of this region are going to make another advance of five cents in the mining rate, to take effect April 1. This will make the third increase granted within the past six months. The three advances aggregate ten cents, all of which has been voluntary on the part of the operators. The advance to be granted will make the rate in this region 45 cents for run of the mine coal, which is the highest rate ever paid here. The aggregate advance is far better for the miners here than the advance of 11 cents for screened coal, which will be in effect April 1 in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

THE SEARCH FOR DEAD CONTINUES.

The Terrible Story Loses Some of Its Horrible Features—Number Not So Great.

NO HOPE FOR THE ENTOMBED,

None of Whom Are Believed to Be Alive—Mine Thought to be On Fire.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 7.—The most conservative estimates place the number of killed in the Red Ash Mine disaster at between thirty and forty. Up to a late hour this afternoon twenty-one of the victims had been removed. Six were taken out this morning, all dead. Of the twenty-one already taken out, fifteen were dead, and one is fatally injured. The other five are seriously hurt, but may get well.

No Hope for Entombed Miners.

There is absolutely no hope that any of those still in the mines are alive, and it is not probable that it may be several days before they can be reached. This is owing to the fact that the air in the mine is so very hot. It is thought that the mine may be on fire.

Number Yet Unknown.

The number of victims still in the mine is as yet unknown. General Manager Howard estimates that the number in the mine at the time of the explosion was thirty-six. To-day the men who were employed by the company, but who had not entered the mine when the explosion occurred, assembled and took a tally. This tally revealed that thirty-nine men were not present to answer to their names. This is the number which the surviving miners estimate were in the mine at the time of the explosion. The reason there were not more was because of the early hour. It was only a little after 7 when the explosion occurred, and not all of the men had yet reported. Many of them had escaped which are nothing short of providential.

One miner had intended to go to the mine about 5 o'clock and get his tools, having secured employment elsewhere. He awakened at that hour, but it was so dark that he decided to wait till a little later. He overslept himself, and thus saved his life. Another went for his cow and a comrade went for him. They reached the mine just as the explosion occurred.

Rescuing parties are still hard at work. Air is pumped into the shaft by compression.

The Open Lamp Theory.

Theories still vary as to the possible cause of the explosion. The latest to be advanced is that the substitute mine boss, who was acting in the place of his brother, carried an ordinary lamp with him, in addition to his safety lamp, and thus failed to detect the presence of gas before it was ignited. It is said that the men frequently, against the orders of the company, would carry ordinary lamps to give themselves better light. It is thought that a great many of the victims will be found in what is known as the "Great Parting."

Crowds of People.

Several thousand people visited the scene of the explosion to-day. All day long the crowds surged up and down the railroad track between the mouth of the mine and the village, a half mile away. As the dead were taken out they were carried to the homes of the bereft and prepared for burial. In one cot take an aged woman, swept over the corpse of her two sons.

The five injured men will probably be removed to hospitals in this city. Store-keeper Shirley stated that when the explosion occurred Dr. Smith, the mine physician, was at once sent for, and that he and several others immediately hurried across the river for more physicians.

Eyes witnesses state that at the report of the explosion the women and children rushed out of their houses screaming frantically. Then the terrible fact having dawned on them they hushed, and a stillness of death ensued. There was not a sound in the little grief-stricken village.

THIRTY NINE MINERS

Still Entombed in Red Ash, All Supposed to Be Dead—So far Twenty-nine Bodies Have Been Taken Out, and Five Rescued Alive.

FIRE CREEK, W. Va., March 7.—

The rescuing parties continued working hard at Red Ash mine to-day, in removing debris and securing the bodies of the victims of the explosion of yesterday.

The scenes of distress among those hunting their missing friends are still as appalling as yesterday. The work at the mine continues night and day and it is still impossible to give the exact number of the victims or to identify all of the bodies that have been recovered. The most conservative estimates of some of those connected with the mine place the number of killed at fifty-two, and there are others who insist that the number of victims will be found to reach sixty. Six more bodies were recovered early this morning. A report was made at the mine during the afternoon that the total number removed was twenty-one, of whom fifteen are dead, one fatally injured and five others seriously hurt.

A report from the rescuers at the mine after 8 o'clock to-night was that thirty-four had been taken out, twenty-nine being dead and five seriously injured. Those rescued alive are: Carl Downey, John L. Day, Joseph Elliott, John Kane and Harry Dawson.

While the surviving miners and others estimate that there are at least thirty-nine miners entombed, General Manager Howell says there are still in the mine only thirty-six. The estimate of the latter would indicate that there were seventy killed and five injured, and it is conceded that all of those still in the mine are dead.

The following bodies of the victims of the disaster were removed from the mine to-day: Simon Pitta, Neville Ramsey, Ed. Hamrich, (white), aged twelve; Volney Agery, John Stone, Bob Hall, Smith Franklin, Hollister Noel, Isaac Morris, N. Dwyer, (colored).

The body of a white man, as yet not identified, was also rescued. It is discovered that there were three

more men in the mine than were known of yesterday—Isaac Morris, Walter Dennis and a man whose name is not known, all colored.

Through the whole of last night and all of to-day, the relief force was working in relay crews.

They have labored unceasingly to reach the coal facings in the Red Ash mine and thus reveal the full extent of the terrible disaster of yesterday.

The result is that at 11 o'clock to-night they are within 1,900 or 1,200 feet of their goal, while eleven more dead bodies have been added to the long list of dead.

THE ONLY ONE WHO ESCAPED

Was Electrician Evans, Who Describes the Catastrophe—One Entire Family Annihilated—Miners in the Vicinity Afraid to Go to Work, Fearing Similar Disaster.

FIRE CREEK, W. Va., March 7.—The only person who entered the mine and who is known to have escaped alive in the Red Ash disaster is Electrician Evans, who was near the entrance. In relating his experience Mr. Evans said:

"I heard a low, rumbling noise, similar to that of an earthquake. I realized in an instant that fire damp had exploded, and before the force of the concussion reached me I threw myself down on my face. A sheet of flame, rock and debris shot over my head."

"I managed to creep to the mouth and into the fresh air. My God, it was awful. I saw that I was the only one left. Every one of the other fellows was lost. I knew."

A Family Annihilated.

A pathetic feature of the disaster is the annihilation of the family of B. B. Long, fire boss. His wife died some time ago, leaving to his sole care two little boys. Having no one to stay within their desolate home, the boys begged to go with their father into the mine to spend the day with him. He consented, and when the disaster is finished their bleached little bodies will be found beside that of their father.

The unexpected cause of the accident has terrified miners in adjoining localities. Very many are afraid to go to work to-day, and it will require the most searching inspection by competent men to remove their fears and induce them to return to their places.

INTERESTING SERVICES

In Honor of a Faithful Sunday School Teacher.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 7.—The large auditorium and Sunday school room of the Methodist Protestant church was crowded last night in honor of Miss Carrie Shore, who has been a teacher in that school for forty years, and over thirty years in charge of the infant department. She was the recipient of numerous gifts, and one of the pleasing features were about fifty letters from former pastors and her scholars, who are now married, and have children of their own.

The Rev. Dr. C. E. Wilbur, of Pittsburgh, editor of the Sunday School Literature, came here as a special guest of the occasion and made a touching address. Special music and light refreshments were served.

DEATH FROM AN ENGINE

And Sustained Probably Fatal Injuries.

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MARTINSBURG, W. Va., March 7.—Edgar Hall, a fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, fell from the footboard of the tender of his engine while passing through the tunnel at Harper's Ferry, last night, sustaining probably fatal injuries.

He was removed to the hospital in this city, where amputation of the right shoulder joint was performed.

Death of an Estimable Lady.

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FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 7.—Miss Jeannette Colbran, a most estimable lady, died here this morning about 1 o'clock, of typhoid fever. Her sisters, Miss Anna, of this place, and Mrs. A. W. Hollyfield, of Newark, N. J., and cousin, Miss Richardson, of Louisville, were with her when she died. The remains will be taken to Pittsburgh in the morning for burial.

Encouraging Manufactures.

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MARTINSBURG, W. Va., March 7.—At a meeting of the board of trade last night a committee was appointed to raise \$500 to pay for the rent of the Brooklyn brass works, which is now in the hands of a receiver. This offer is made in order to induce Mr. Renwick Hart, of Pittsburgh, to re-establish the works here, with a working force of 100 men.

TRANSFERRED

Was the Plant of the Columbus Sewer Pipe Company.

COLUMBUS, O., March 7.—The plant of the Columbus Sewer Pipe Company was transferred to the American Clay Manufacturing Company to-day, the consideration stated in the deed being \$55,000. A mortgage of \$25,000 was also filed by the American Clay Company for record in this county.

Preparing for Extra Session.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 7.—The Democratic leaders in the legislature, on the assumption that the courts will decide in favor of Democratic Governor Beckham, are preparing for an extra session of the legislature early in May.

Governor Beckham, it is said, determined that the fate of the McChord bill, passed in the house to-day, should decide whether or not an extra session should be called. The passage of the bill, the leaders say, indicates that all party measures can be passed and therefore assures an extra session.

Big Coal Shipments.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 7.—About 1,200,000 bushels of coal started for southern ports to-day. All of this coal is billed for Louisville and New Orleans. Cincinnati and points above are well stocked at present. An eighteen-foot stage of water is looked for to-morrow, when all the coal loaded in the harbor will be shipped south.

A New Brick Combine.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 7.—A new brick combine was formed here to-day with State Senator Wm. Flinn as the prime mover. It is said that eighteen out of the twenty-four brick-making concerns in western Pennsylvania have joined in the movement. A charter has been applied for the company, which will be capitalized at \$1,000,000, and have a capacity of 90,000,000 brick a year.

THE HASTY WITHDRAWAL OF BOERS

From Roberts' Front—They Retired Before Him in Great Confusion.

CRONJE GOES TO ST. HELENA

English Cabinet Will Not at Present Entertain Proposals for Exchange of Prisoners.

LONDON, March 8, 4 a. m. — Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Ostfentien and in the evening from Poplar Grove, fourteen miles eastward. By an application of the elementary principles of strategy the Boer positions, fifteen miles long across his path, have been emptied—and their holders have been obliged to retire in confusion consequent upon hasty withdrawal.

Nothing was done by Lord Roberts to disturb the symmetry and the deadly ingenuity of the Boer trenches in front of him. He marched out infantry estimated from the commands named at 30,000 men, and sent 10,000 horsemen and horse artillery in a bold sweep to the Boer left, whereupon the Boer centre and right became untenable. Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

The Boer Strength.

The correspondents differ as to the enemy's strength. The Daily Mail's representative thinks the Boers number something more than 4,000. The Daily News man estimates them at 10,000. As these figures come from observers at headquarters it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelming. He can scarcely have fewer than 45,000 immediately available, as the guards brigade reached him from Lord Methuen Tuesday.

Lord Methuen and his commands only volunteers and the local forces at Kimberley, some of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

The Boers do not yet appear to appreciate the mobility of Lord Roberts' corps, which was able to strike so swiftly in this affair that the enemy had to abandon a gun, much forage and a large quantity of